

High Family

Do you know that:

High, an old and honored surname, is of English origin. According to authorities on the origin of names, it was used in its literal meaning and was applied, when surnames came into vogue, to those who lived on a high place such as a hill.

The Record of Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, as compiled under the direction of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, has listings of John, Philip, Nicholas and William High.

The first census of the United States, taken in 1790, has one listing of a person by the name of High who was a resident of Virginia and head of a family at that time. He was John High of Hampshire County. As additional evidence that members of the High family were among the early settlers of this country, it should be noted that the census records of Pennsylvania for the same year have 25 references to persons by the name of High.

Among the early marriage bonds filed in Hampshire County were those of Jane High and Isaac Hawk on June 10, 1826, and Mary High and George Ludwick on August 20, 1825.

There are six listings of persons by the name of High in the latest directory of Phi Beta Kappa, the honorary scholastic society.

Everett Nelson High (1871-1943) was the founder in 1919, and president until his death, of E. Nelson High and Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, which provided granite and stone for buildings and memorials and operated a substantial marble quarry.

Stanley High (1895-1961) earned national recognition as an editor and author. During the course of his career, he was assistant secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, editor of the Christian Herald, the author of numerous books dealing with history and politics, and also senior editor of the Reader's Digest for the nine-year period preceding his death. He was active in politics and was a member of the campaign staffs of Thomas E. Dewey and Dwight D. Eisenhower respectively in 1948 and 1952. He made his home in Noroton, Connecticut.

Robert King High (1924-1967) was a distinguished attorney who practiced his profession in Miami, Florida, where he served also as mayor of the city.

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